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SUBJECT: BAKU-HOUSTON SISTER CITY INQUIRY

REF: MOSCOW 7702

1. UPON RECEIPT NALLE LETTER, WE INFORMED SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL (SCI) OF SUBSTANCE REFTEL. SCI REPORTED THAT HOUSTON SISTER CITY COMMITTEE HAS JUST WON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ROTARY ENDORSEMENT OF HOUSTON-BAKU TIE AND IS OPTIMISTIC HOUSTON CITY COUNCIL WILL SOON APPROVE.

2. SCI INITIALLY PROPOSED HOUSTON-BAKU TIE TO SOVDEL FROM UNION OF SOVIET SOCIETIES FOR FRIENDSHIP AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES, PARENT ORGANIZATION OF SOVIET SISTER CITY PROGRAM, IN FALL 1973. UNTIL POSITIVE SOVIET REPLY IN JANUARY 1975, HOUSTON HAD WAITED 16 MONTHS WITHOUT KNOWING STATUS OF PROPOSED HOUSTON-BAKU SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP.

3. THIS CONNECTION, SOVEMBOFF FEDOSOV APPROACHED US CONFERENCE OF MAYORS (COM) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN GUNTHER THIS WEEK SAYING THAT IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION ISSUED BY GUNTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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JUNE 1974, SOVIET ASSN OF CITIES WISHES SEND 4-PERSON DELEGATION TO COM ANNUAL MEETING IN BOSTON THIS JULY. FEDOSOV PROPOSED ITINERARY WHICH INCLUDED WASHINGTON JULY 4-5,

BOSTON JULY 6-8, HOUSTON JULY 9-11, AND NEW YORK JULY 11-  
13. FEDOSOV INDICATED THAT DELEGATION WOULD "PROBABLY"  
INCLUDE SOMEONE FROM BAKU.

4. FYI: GUNTHER WISHES HOST SOVIETS, BUT COM HAS NO FUNDS  
AND HAS REQUESTED CU/EE ASSISTANCE. WE HAVE AGREED TO PRO-  
VIDE IV GRANTS COVERING US TRAVEL AND PER DIEM PROVIDED  
SOVEMB UNDERSTANDS THAT DEPT WILL EXPECT PLAY USUAL ROLE IN  
PROGRAMMING DELEGATION. WE HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE VISIT CAN BE  
EXTENDED TO AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. KISSINGER

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